

THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSVILLE
August 11, 2019 ~ 10:00 AM

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Words of Greeting Jean Heberling, Liturgist

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Sharing of Opportunities, Joys and Concerns

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude Marilyn Neal, Organist

Lighting of the Candles

Call to Worship (*Psalm 50*)

Leader: The mighty one, God the Lord,
speaks and summons the earth
from the rising of the sun to its setting.

**People: Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,
God shines forth.**

Leader: Our God comes and does not keep silence.

**People: He calls to the heavens above and to the earth,
that he may judge his people:**

Leader: "Gather to me my faithful ones,
who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"

**People: The heavens declare his righteousness,
for God himself is judge.**

*Hymn # 71 "Praise to the Lord"

*Prayer of Confession

Faithful and loving God, we confess that we have not lived in faith and love. We offer you great pageants of piety and ignore your call to do what is right. We busy ourselves with idle pleasures and fail to prepare for your coming realm. Forgive us, God of grace. Give us the gift of faith, so that we might set our hope on the better things you have promised; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri

*Sharing of the Peace

*Time with the Younger Saints

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Gospel Lesson Luke 12:32-40 (pg. 75 of NT)

Special Music Matthew & Danielle Cyphert

New Testament Lesson Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 (pg. 225 of NT)

Sermon Rev. Timothy R. Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith

What is true faith?

It is not only a certain knowledge by which I accept as true all that God has revealed to us in his Word, but also a wholehearted trust which the Holy Spirit creates in me through the gospel, that, not only to others, but to me also God has given the forgiveness of sins, everlasting righteousness and salvation, out of sheer grace solely for the sake of Christ's saving work. (*Heidelberg Catechism, Q. 21*)

*Hymn # 501 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer (*debt...and debtors...*)

Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word

Offertory Matthew & Danielle Cyphert

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn # 407 "I Know Whom I Have Believed"

*Benediction

*Postlude

(*All who are able, please stand.)

SUMMER SCHEDULE:

Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Worship
	1:00 p.m.	Choir Picnic at the Borbonus Farm
Monday	9:00 a.m.	Grannies meet in Fellowship Hall
	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall
Tuesday	12:00-1:00 p.m.	Food Bank distributes groceries in Fellowship Hall
Thursday	2:00 p.m.	Stitching Group meets in the parlor
Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Worship
	2:30 p.m.	Fellowship Hall reserved

SPECIAL MUSIC SCHEDULE:

August 18 – Pam Krouse
August 25 – Blairsville Brass Ensemble



Faith is the assurance
of things hoped for,
the conviction
of things not seen.

Hebrews 11:1, NRSV



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*“a community of believers, called by God, led by the Holy Spirit
to know Christ and to make Christ known”*

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PLEASE JOIN us in the ritual of friendship by signing the attendance pads that are at one end of each of the pews. If you are here for the first time, we would appreciate it if you would give us your local telephone number. Please help yourself to a church brochure, a *Welcome Packet* or a copy of our newsletter, *Uplift*. These are available at the back of the church. We thank you for joining your voice to ours in sacred worship.

THE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for this morning's service are Liturgist, Jean Heberling; Ushers, Judy Trimble, Wendy Schietroma, Tom & Janet Smith; Projector, Shakira McKinney; Audio, Jaison McKinney; Special Music, Matthew & Danielle Cyphert; Organist, Marilyn Neal; and Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus.

THE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT in worship this morning is given to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones by Gene and Chery Artman.

GRANNIES will meet Monday, August 12th in Fellowship Hall from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon.

THE BLAIRSVILLE FOOD BANK will distribute groceries from Fellowship Hall Tuesday, August 13th from 12:00-1:00 p.m. Please bring proof of address in the Blairsville borough when signing up for the first time.

THE STITCHING GROUP will meet Thursday, August 15th from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in the parlor. This group gathers to work on personal projects and to fellowship. All are welcome.

THE CHOIR PICNIC will be held today at 1:00 p.m. at the Borbonus Farm. All choir members, their families and anyone interested in joining the choir is invited to attend. Please bring a dish to share. The pool is open so if you would like, come prepared to take a dip! For more information, please contact Cindy Borbonus.

CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSALS will begin Wednesday, September 4th at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. New and familiar voices are always welcomed! Please see Cindy Borbonus for more information.

THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE is looking for youth or adults interested in operating the sound or projector during worship. The equipment is located in the balcony. Audio and projection techs are scheduled on a rotating basis. Those interested would be scheduled approximately once a month. If you would like more information, please see Elaine Jellison or contact the church office.

BELL CHOIR REHEARSALS will begin Wednesday, September 4th at 6:00 p.m. We are still in need of two ringers. If you are interested, please see Vicky Westley.

A COUPLE DATES are still available on the flower chart, September 1st and December 29th. Please sign up on the flower chart in the hallway by the office if you are interested in having the flowers placed in worship for either date. Special dedications can be written on the chart or given to the office.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CURRICULUM used by our young people this Fall will follow the lectionary. All students will be studying the same texts. While the lessons will be appropriate for the different age groups, there are common themes for teachers to consider. We are asking teachers to attend a general review of those themes on Wednesday, August 28th at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Pastor Monroe will offer a general overview, highlighting more important points of the lesson.

THE STITCHING GROUP is looking for wooden hangers. If you have wooden hangers that you would like to get rid of, please drop them off at the church. Thank you.

THE PRAYER CHAIN is coordinated by the Adult Sunday School Class. If you have a prayer request or know of someone's need for prayer, please contact Nancy Campbell or the church office.

THE HOMER CITY UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH will host Mandated Reporter Training Saturday, September 7, 2019 from 9:00 – 11:30 a.m. Reservations can be made by calling the Homer City Church at 724-479-2695 from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon Monday or Friday. The church has limited office hours so please call in this time frame.

MISSION MOMENT - *College and Young Adult Sunday*

As we look ahead to the final weeks of summer, we're reminded that a seasonal shift is upon us. Our Sunday newspapers are littered with ads that boast the best "back-to-school" sales, as our grocery stores beckon us to stock up for "one last summer BBQ." With cooler, less humid days on the horizon, we prepare to say goodbye to summer and to welcome autumn and all that it brings.

On this College and Young Adult Sunday, we're also reminded that there are young people in our congregations who are preparing themselves for a semester ahead. With aspirations of a fresh start, they look forward to returning to their educational institutions. Armed with the latest accessories for their dorm rooms and apartments, these young adults ready themselves for this transition and all that it will bring. Praying for these young people during this time is part of our calling as a community of faith, but they are not the only people we should be praying for.

Right now, there are hundreds of collegiate ministers, campus pastors and college chaplains who are preparing worship spaces, compiling rosters and making plans to launch into another year of collegiate ministry. These faithful saints are the unsung heroes in our children's formation that we can easily overlook if we're not attentive. We don't always see them in our Sunday morning services or when we drop our students off at their educational institutions, but they are there waiting to journey alongside our youth.

It is with their ministry and well-being in mind that we invite you to pray the prayer below as a reminder of their work and its importance. As we lift them up, may they feel the presence of God's Spirit upon them.

"God of grace, we thank you that our children have the opportunity to learn and grow in institutions of education and training, and today we ask that you not only guide them as they prepare for a new school year, but that you also be with those ministers who come alongside our youth. Give them strength for the year ahead, that they will be filled with grace, hope and peace. Give them discernment as they help our young people make important decisions for the future. And give them hope that their tireless work might help form faithful followers of Christ. Thank you for them and all the ministry that happens in and through them. We offer these prayers in the name of Christ Jesus. Amen."

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